

Fond du Lac County Health Department and Agnesian HealthCare**COVID-19 Vaccine Weekly Update****February 19, 2021 at 10:00am****Who is currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine?****Currently eligible populations**

- Frontline health care personnel
- Residents in skilled nursing and long-term care facilities
- Police and fire personnel, correctional staff
- Adults ages 65 and over

Next eligible groups

- Education and child care
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- Some public-facing essential workers
- Non-frontline essential health care personnel
- Facility staff and residents in congregate living settings

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS) anticipates the next eligible groups listed above may become eligible for the vaccine around March 1 (pending Wisconsin's vaccine supply from the federal government). See more information on the [priority populations here](#).

Quarantine Guidance:

- (NEW) WI DHS has adopted the updated CDC quarantine guidance for fully vaccinated people who are exposed to COVID-19, effective 2/12/2021.
 - **Vaccinated people with an exposure to someone with COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet ALL of the following criteria:**
 - Are fully vaccinated (i.e., exposure occurs ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
 - Are within 90 days following receipt of the last dose in the series
 - Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure
 - All people who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should monitor themselves for symptoms for 14 days after the last date of exposure, and should be evaluated clinically and get tested if they develop any symptoms of COVID-19. If vaccinated people do develop symptoms, they should be isolated pending the results of testing, in accordance with current recommendations.
 - Exceptions to the new quarantine recommendation exist for patients receiving inpatient care in a healthcare setting, and residents of long-term care facilities
 - For more information, see the updated [quarantine guidance handout](#).

Fond du Lac County Safe Restart Guidelines and Recommendations:

- (NEW) On Feb. 15, Fond du Lac County Health Department (FCHD) updated the cases metric of the [Safe Restart](#) benchmark criteria of to align with WI DHS. The cases status will now be reported based on a 7-day percent positive by test. We previously reported the percent positive by person.
 - As the pandemic continues, calculating 7-day percent positive by person becomes a less useful metric than percent positive by test. This is because many Wisconsinites have been tested multiple times for COVID-19. In percent positive by person calculations, people are only counted once – either as a positive or negative case. Over time, the proportion of people with positive test results has increased, causing the 7-day percent positive by person to increase as well. Source: [WI DHS](#)
 - Due to this update, the cases metric has moved from red to green status. We anticipate to advance to phase 2 next week, pending that all metrics remain in green or yellow status. Phase 2 recommendations are to limit capacity within non-essential businesses, bars, restaurants and organizations to 50% and to limit private, indoor social gatherings to 50 people or less with physical distancing.
- (NEW) On Feb. 15, FCHD updated the [phase evaluation section of the Safe Restart](#) to include guidance on phase three recommendations considering vaccine availability.
 - When Fond du Lac County is in Phase 3 of the Safe Restart *and* reaches Phase 2 of the [COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout to the Community](#), the Safe Restart guidelines will discontinue. There will no longer be weekly metrics reported. Fond du Lac County Health Department will continue to provide guidance and recommendations to the community.

Vaccination Efforts as of 2/19/2021:

- Agnesian HealthCare is nearing the end of offering first doses of vaccine to their staff members and volunteers, and in many cases administering the second dose. Work is underway to transition these employee-based clinics into the ambulatory setting or through Employee Health.
- Moving forward FCHD will schedule vaccination appointments for individuals who are eligible within [phase 1a](#) and phase 1b (police, fire, and correctional personnel) as needed and based on vaccine supply. If you believe you fall into one of these categories, please call the health department at 920-929-3085 ext 4.
- The [Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program](#) continues to provide vaccination services to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities participating in the program.
- On Feb. 11, [WI DHS announced](#) the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#) will launch with 178 Walgreens locations participating across Wisconsin, with the majority of sites located in underserved areas. Individuals eligible for COVID-19 vaccine can visit this [link](#) or call 1-800-WALGREENS to schedule an appointment. Vaccine supply is limited.

Vaccinations for adults 65 and older

- On Jan. 27, FCHD began vaccination clinics for adults age 65 and older. The Health Department held three mass clinics for this group, vaccinating over 2,800 individuals with their first doses. The health department will be providing second dose clinics for individuals who attend the first dose clinics. Moving forward, public health is no longer scheduling appointments for adults age 65 and older. Individuals in this age group should visit their health care provider's website for details on COVID-19 vaccination.

- **On Feb. 3, Agnesian HealthCare began vaccinating patients age 65 and older. To schedule an appointment, eligible patients can call (920) 926-8400. The hotline is available daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
 - Patients interested in receiving the vaccine can visit agnesian.com/covid19 and complete a vaccine interest form to be notified when appointments will be available specifically for their age group. Preregistration will not guarantee an immediate appointment; it will help Agnesian HealthCare in notifying individuals on how to schedule an appointment once they are eligible.
- We understand that many people are eager to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We ask for everyone's patience as we schedule vaccinations for eligible community members.

For additional COVID-19 resources, please visit:

- agnesian.com/covid19 and www.fdlco.wi.gov
 - Sign up [here](#) for email notifications when Fond du Lac County's COVID-19 Vaccine Page has updates available.
- [Agnesian HealthCare's Facebook Page](#) and [Fond du Lac County Health Department's Facebook Page](#)
- [WI DHS COVID-19 Vaccine website](#)
 - Every Friday, WI DHS sends a COVID-19 Response and Vaccination Progress newsletter via email to those who sign up to receive it. Sign up for the newsletter [here](#).
- [WI DHS COVID-19 Vaccine Data](#)
 - As of Feb. 19 at 10am, a total of 15,348 (14.8%) Fond du Lac County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine. 5,714 residents have completed the vaccine series.
 - A total of 10,352 (52.7%) Fond du Lac County residents age 65+ have received at least one dose of vaccine.
 - As of this week, one million doses of vaccine have been administered in Wisconsin.